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Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| Mitsuharu NAKAMURA, <i>et al.</i> |) | Confirmation No.: 8902 |
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| Application No.: 09/811,506 |) | Group Art Unit: 2839 |
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| Filed: March 20, 2001 |) | Examiner: S. Nguyen |
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| For: DUSTPROOF COVER FOR A |) | |
| CONNECTOR AND PREFITTING |) | |
| DUSTPROOFING STRUCTURE FOR A |) | |
| CONNECTOR |) | |

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003 (Paper No. 16), the period for reply to which expires on May 12, 2003 (May 11, 2003 falling on a Sunday), entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.



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